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ENLARGED MEETING OF THE TENTH PLENARY MEETING OF THE EIGHTH WPK CENTRAL COMMITTEE HELD



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The revolutionary enthusiasm of the entire Party and all the people is surging remarkably to translate into brilliant reality and eye-opening changes the action programmes, adopted and set forth at the Eighth Congress and plenary meetings of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, by steadily displaying the inexhaustible strength of loyalty and patriotism and the invincible might of the single-hearted unity peculiar to the Korean revolution. In this

situation, another plenary meeting was convened to coordinate and broaden in scope the short-, intermediate- and long-range plans for national rejuvenation and to promote their perfect implementation in a far-sighted way.

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A presidium composed of major members of the Political Bureau



of the Party Central Committee was elected.

The presidium of the plenum authorized Kim Jong Un to preside over the meeting.

Saying that the present work system, whereby a plenary meeting is convened in June as an interim review meeting for implementing the decisions adopted at the previous plenary meeting held at the end of every year, is beneficial to our work, he stressed that the current plenary meeting should also make a correct appraisal of the successes made and shortcomings revealed in the work in the first half of the year and their causes and pay attention to scrupulously planning and organizing the work for the second half of the year.

After referring to the agenda items to be dealt with at the plenary meeting, including the issue of improving the work style and leadership abilities of leading officials and the issue of supplementing and perfecting the judicial system of the country, he declared the plenary meeting open, hoping that it would serve as another important occasion in developing the revolution.

The following agenda items were brought up at the meeting:

1. On the interim review of the implementation of the major Party and state policies for 2024 and measures

2. On improving the officials' method and style of work
3. On enforcing strict work discipline in the key sectors
4. On some tasks for the consolidation and development of the judicial system
5. Organizational matter

The plenary meeting unanimously approved the presented agenda items.

The participants heard a report on the first agenda item.

The report referred to the remarkable successes made by the WPK and the Korean people in the first half of the year by waging a courageous struggle for translating into brilliant reality the major policy-oriented tasks of the Party and the state despite the extremely acute internal and external environment of the country.

It informed the participants, based on data, of some shortcomings and mistaken practices revealed in the course of implementing the Party and state economic policies in the first half of the year.

It was followed by speeches.

The leading officials analyzed the successes and deviations made in the course of implementing the decisions of the previous plenary meeting in their fields and brought before the current plenary meeting

the issues that await an immediate solution.

Kim Jong Un made a concluding speech on the first agenda item "On the interim review of the implementation of the major Party and state policies for 2024 and measures."

In the concluding speech, he referred to the successes achieved in the course of attaining the struggle goals decided on at the Ninth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK and their factors and significance, adding:

Three and a half years have already passed since we started the struggle for implementing the fighting programme set at the Eighth Party Congress.

What I am clearly convinced of in the course of our struggle that has been carried on while overcoming many challenges and obstacles is the fact that the whole motive and accelerating force of the advance towards the comprehensive development of socialist construction is further increasing and growing.

The review of the work of the Party and the state in the first half of this year enables us to come to such a conclusion.

Early this year, our Party approved the great plan for regional development that is unprecedented since the founding of the country

and entered a stage of its full-scale implementation.

There still exist formidable subjective and objective factors obstructing our advance, and the tasks facing us this year as part of the five-year plan are daunting. Despite these conditions, we have launched another huge construction project for removing the centuries-old regional backwardness. This testifies to the weight and value of the historic decision of the Party for improving the living standards of all the people across the country and proves that our own strength and political and economic potentials are rapidly growing stronger enough to develop all parts of the country at once to meet the requirements of the new era.

At present, the frameworks of regional-industry factories, whose construction started in different parts of the country this year, have been completed and the manufacture of the equipment for them is being pushed forward. And the end of the year will witness the completion of new modern production bases in 20 cities and counties.

We can see that a definite upturn has been brought about in the economic situation in the first half of the year, as compared with the same period of last year.

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plans as a whole was loose from the outset, so urgent measures had to be taken at a plenary meeting of the Party Central Committee. But this year, metal, chemical, power and other major industrial sectors related to the 12 major goals have carried out their monthly and quarterly plans without big deviations in the first half of the year.

It can be said that the farming situation throughout the country up to now is also fairly good.

The huge irrigation project for this year has been completed in time

on a nationwide scale, fertilizers, agricultural chemicals, fuel and other farming materials have been supplied, and wheat and barley yields have increased compared to last year and transplanting of rice seedlings was completed in the right season thanks to the soaring enthusiasm of the agricultural workers throughout the country.

If we direct our efforts to minimizing the effects of abnormal weather conditions and to manuring and cultivating crops in a scientific and technical way, we will be able to bring about results as





satisfactory as last year's.

Nowadays, remarkable successes are being made in the construction field one after another across the country and significant new projects are underway. This boosts the people's hope for, self-confidence in and enthusiasm for a new life and new happiness.

A remarkable improvement has also been made in implementing the socialist policy for the students, the top priority task for the Party and the government, evoking a positive response from students and their parents.

This is a clear change and a proud result.

Land administration, urban management, education, public health, sports and several other fields have pushed ahead with their policy-oriented tasks, opening up definite prospects, and the role of law-enforcement organs to ensure the implementation of the Party's decisions and social stability has also been enhanced markedly.

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In the speech, he made a serious review and analysis of the deviations and shortcomings revealed in different sectors of the national economy and specified the tasks to be fulfilled to effectively and steadily push forward with the work of reaching the level of economic development envisaged in the five-year plan and place the overall economy on a track of stable and sustainable development.

On the basis of a scientific and detailed analysis of the present economic work, the concluding speech indicated the clear practical ways for the Cabinet to organize and direct the economy as a whole in a responsible manner and conduct the work of developing the country's economy in a long-term, foresighted and methodological way.

The concluding speech presented the immediate tasks facing the sectors of land and environment protection, urban management and disaster prevention including the protection of the marine ecology of the country, preservation of the landscape of the capital and establishment of a well-regulated system for materials storage and supply necessary for disaster recovery.

It specified the most important and key issues in this year's farming

and the ways to ensure the stability of agricultural production.

It pointed to the need to make preparations for building a large-scale greenhouse farm in the Thaegam area next year in a far-sighted way and push ahead with the work of additionally building modern chicken farms in Pyongyang and every province in a long-term and planned way.

It stressed the need for the Cabinet, the Agricultural Commission and the Vehicle-building Industry Bureau to achieve without fail their yearly targets according to the plan for the development of farm machines by 2030 and radically increase the rate of farm work done by machines by transforming the farm machine-building industry.

Stressing the need to direct the Party's and state's efforts to dynamically organizing and conducting the work for developing the regional economy, Kim Jong Un called on the Organizational Leadership Department of the Party Central Committee, the Cabinet, the non-permanent committees for promoting the Regional Development 20×10 Policy and the relevant provinces, cities and counties to take thorough measures for supplying equipment in keeping with dynamic progress in the construction projects for regional-industry factories and to get ready raw and other materials in a responsible manner in order to give full play to the vitality of the Party's policy on regional development from the first year of production.

He clarified detailed and scientific practical measures to be taken in selecting cities and counties to be involved in the construction next year, making thorough preparations and vitalizing regional economy.

He also stressed the need to carry out a project for laying a foundation for developing national light industry according to a well-thought-out plan, for the Cabinet and Pyongyang Municipality to unconditionally implement the projects for improving the living standards of the citizens of the capital city this year and for provinces, cities and counties to keep hold on solving difficulties in living of inhabitants as an important policy task.

He advanced giving priority to enlisting and increasing scientific



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and technological abilities as a primary task for successfully attaining the goals planned for this year, including the 12 major goals for developing the national economy, and leading the ongoing key projects of national importance to a successful conclusion.

He referred to the detailed tasks to be carried out by the field of culture including education, public health, literature and the arts, the media and sports and principled issues for their implementation.

He stressed that the functions and role of law should be further enhanced to establish a revolutionary work system and discipline throughout all fields of state administration and social life and create a favourable environment for development.

The concluding speech stressed the importance of organizing and conducting the work of the working people's organizations more purposefully and vigorously so that the traditional spirit and mettle

of patriotism of the youth and other members of the working people's organizations, which are now prevailing in the whole of society, are given uninterrupted play till the end of the year.

In the concluding speech, Kim Jong Un clarified the orientation of the military and political activities of all the armed forces of the DPRK, including the Korean People's Army.

Stressing once again that success in this year's work entirely depends on the activities of the Party organizations and officials at all levels, he called upon all the members of the central leadership body of the Party to fulfil the heavy responsibility they have assumed before the country and people and thus bring about substantial improvements in the country's economic development and the people's living standards. And he went on:

As mentioned above, our cause of vigorously advancing towards a

sacred goal to achieve the prosperity and development of the Republic and the well-being of the people has further developed in all aspects of the course of this year's advance, but it faces important tasks to be carried out without fail and serious shortcomings that require proper correction and overcoming.

As you all remember vividly, the December 2023 Plenary Meeting of the Party Central Committee accepted the solemn pledge of the participants to unconditionally carry out the tasks set forth in the meeting's decisions whatever the conditions and circumstances, and members of the central leadership body of the Party declared to the people and the world the pledge they made before the flag of the glorious Party, greeting the new year.

We now have half a year in our struggle to fulfil our firm pledge to hasten the pace with a steady and active pioneering spirit and make

2024 a year of redoubled efforts for our great state and people.

In order to bring substantial changes and results, which our people who firmly believe in the true intentions of their Party and government as their own and painstakingly follow all their policies and plans whatever the difficulties and hardships, can feel with pride and pleasure this year, too, the entire Party should wholeheartedly make redoubled efforts to spur the struggle for the second half of the year and make a vigorous advance.

Always mindful of the weight of the revolutionary tasks we have determined to carry out unconditionally before the people and with the unrivalled driving power of vigorously opening up the comprehensive development phase and confidence in the prospect of revolution getting brighter, let us all strive harder to successfully conclude this year with proud and innovative achievements.



When Kim Jong Un finished the concluding speech, loud applause broke out.

All the participants expressed full support to his concluding speech which clearly indicated the most correct path for dynamically advancing towards the successful conclusion of the year 2024 and the struggle strategy for bringing about uninterrupted innovations and successive leaps forward on the upward track in socialist construction.

The plenary meeting discussed the second agenda item “On improving the officials’ method and style of work,” the third agenda item “On enforcing strict work discipline in the key sectors,” the fourth agenda item “On some tasks for the consolidation and development of the judicial system” and the organizational matter as the fifth agenda item.

The plenary meeting organized sector-specific consultative meetings to draw up the proactive and detailed measures for thoroughly carrying out the tasks for the second half of 2024 and comprehensively deliberate on the issues that arose in the discussion related to the agenda items.

Members of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee guided the consultative meetings.

At the consultative meetings, constructive opinions based on a serious and dynamic study of the draft decisions were fully proposed, and they were strictly examined in the light of scientific accuracy, objectivity and feasibility.

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The plenary meeting adopted three decisions with unanimous approval.

All the participants renewed their firm determination to powerfully lead and propel the successful implementation of the decisions of the Party plenary meeting by displaying their utmost redoubled efforts and devotion in the vanguard of the struggle for carrying out the great revolutionary cause, reliably shouldering the heavy responsibility entrusted to them by the Party and the revolution.



Kim Jong Un Inspects Major Industrial Establishments with Members of the Central Leadership Body of the WPK



As soon as the enlarged meeting of the Tenth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea was over, Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, together with members of the central leadership body of the Party, went to major industrial establishments with an

intention to bring about a fresh upsurge in the development of the national economy and make the overall socialist construction seethe with creation and changes.

He visited a defence industrial enterprise, which plays a key role in bolstering up the country's defence capabilities, on July 2.

The enterprise, under his energetic guidance, has been turned into a model

and standard one in the country's industrial architecture and establishment of a cultured way of production and life such as modernization of production lines and landscaping. It is now striving to attain the munitions production goal for this year in the high spirits as was displayed to overfulfil its production plan for the first half of the year.

Kim Jong Un went round the room

dedicated to the education with revolutionary relics at the enterprise.

Members of the central leadership body of the Party were deeply impressed with the leadership exploits of the respected General Secretary, keenly realizing that the eternal foundation of the powerful country, dignified with independence in politics, self-supporting in the economy and self-reliance in national defence, was consolidated thanks

to the wise leadership of the Party, which has vigorously propelled the steady advance of the munitions industry, regarding self-reliant national defence as the mainstay for the defence of national sovereignty and interests and for the development of the revolution.

Guided by leading officials of the enterprise, Kim Jong Un went round its unmanned production lines that had been

put on an intelligent, precision and high-performance basis at a high level.

Saying that the level of modernization achieved by our defence industry is the standard and goal to be attained by not only the machine-building industry sector but also all other sectors of the national economy, he stressed the need for members of the central leadership body of the Party to thoroughly study and arm themselves



in order to properly organize and guide modernization of production lines at all units in the economic field.

He learned in detail about the integrated production system, established by the enterprise, at its integrated production control room, and gave the task of steadily updating the level of putting the production guidance on an IT basis and rapidly expanding and introducing its successes and experience into the overall economic field.

Going round various production lines of the enterprise in the presence of Kim Jong Un, members of the central

leadership body of the Party keenly realized the radical development of the Juche-based defence industry getting higher day by day and matured the plans to make their fields and units overflow with the fighting spirit of the officials and workers of the enterprise, who are working hard to attain higher modernization goals.

Kim Jong Un went round a hostel for workers, hall of culture and welfare facilities, and expressed great satisfaction at the fact that the enterprise has established a high level of cultured environment for workers' living.





That afternoon he visited a major machine-building factory together with members of the central leadership body of the Party.

Being briefed on the development prospect of the factory and going round various production lines, members of the central leadership body of the Party met and talked with workers, who are defending an outpost for developing the nation's machine-building industry, and encouraged them to achieve greater successes in increasing production.

That evening Kim Jong Un, together with members of the central leadership body



of the Party, visited a factory producing medical appliances.

Members of the central leadership body of the Party looked round dozens of kinds of high-performance medical appliances produced by the factory and its production lines.

They were filled with a firm determination to play the vanguard and core role in the struggle for implementing the decisions of the plenary meeting of the WPK Central Committee by making redoubled efforts for the prosperity of the great state and the well-being of the people.



Opening Ceremony of the WPK Central Cadres Training School Held with Splendour

Kim Jong Un Makes Speech and Inspects First Lecture



A ceremony of opening the WPK Central Cadres Training School took place with splendour on June 1. Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the WPK and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, attended the opening ceremony and made a significant speech.

The Central Cadres Training School of the Workers' Party of Korea, with an appearance of the highest level as a prestigious revolutionary university training the backbone of the WPK that would reliably carry forward the sacred ideals and spirit of its founding to perfectly guarantee the rosy future of the cause of Juche, was opened on the occasion of its 78th founding anniversary.

A ceremony of opening the school took place on June 1.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, attended the ceremony.

When he arrived at the school, cheers of "Hurrah!" resounded

across the campus.

Waving back to the enthusiastically cheering teaching staff and students of the school, the General Secretary warmly congratulated them who were honoured to have its significant opening ceremony at the new buildings on the historic founding anniversary amid the blessings of the whole Party.

Present at the opening ceremony were Chancellor Ri Yong Sik, Secretary of the Primary Party Committee Paek Hyong Chol, and other officials of the school and its teaching staff and students.

Also on hand were members of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee who were to attend the training course according

to the Party's policy on continuous education.

The national anthem of the DPRK was played.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un made a speech.

"Comrades,

"I am very glad to attend the opening ceremony of this school, which is being held today on the founding anniversary of the Central Cadres Training School of the Workers' Party of Korea.

"The pride and joy of the teachers who are to give first lecture at the grand institution of the revolution, which millions of our Party members look up to with respect, and of the students who are to receive the first lecture, unforgettable throughout their lives,

would also be incomparable.

"Today is a truly worthwhile and exciting day.

"Seeing you comrades sitting in fine array in the new campus, I can hardly repress my emotions as I picture in my mind the day when our great expectations and sincere efforts will bear sound fruits.

"The main pillars of our Party, who can claim a large share in its building and activities, and the prominent figures of our Party, who can hold important posts in the political, economic, cultural and defence fields, will be produced here. To think of this, I feel pride in having done the most valuable work for the Party, the



country and the people.

“In the past years there have been many memorable grand festivals and remarkable events, but today’s experience of looking to the future of the Workers’ Party of Korea in this place would not be forgotten all my life, I think.

“History will record this opening ceremony, together with the inauguration ceremony in May last, as a strategic step, which would make its significance clearer and more vivid after ten or 20 years, and as a meaningful ceremony, which promised a brighter future for our Party and country.

“Comrades,

“The new era of building the Workers’ Party of Korea, the golden age of strengthening the Party, is opening at this point today.

“Extending once again the warmest and most earnest congratulations to the opening ceremony of the glorious political school, I would like to make an appeal to you comrades who are renewing your pledge as you would play the main role in Party building in the new era.

“Our effort to usher in a new era of Party building has already passed the stage of planning, theory formulation and designing; it has entered a radical stage of practice and become an immediate task of socialist construction.

“The demand for talented Party officials who can become

pillars in building a powerful, civilized and advanced state by correctly understanding and applying the ideas and lines of the Party Central Committee is quite pressing.

“Talented party cadres capable of leading the development of all fields of politics, military, the economy and culture and of all regions constitute the most valuable and decisive resources for a ruling party, and their role grows more important the more the revolution and construction advance.

“In view of the fact that the characteristic feature of this school is in training Party cadres who will build up a people’s state that can exalt its brilliance all over the world, the school’s mission is more honourable, and you will feel your shoulders heavier with the sense of responsibility.

“What I expect from the teachers and officials of the Central Cadres Training School is that they train all the students to be competent cadres who can lead the whole Party and competent officials who can lead all fields of the state and society vigorously along the track of progressive and civilized development.

“You should dedicate all your qualifications as educators, your Party conscience and your revolutionary enthusiasm to training political activists who can lead all our people who have risen up for the comprehensive development of socialism, Party officials whom the people follow of their own accord.

“Honourable students of the supreme political institution of the

Republic,

“You are the reserve backbone cadres of our Party, who will be responsible for Party work in one sector, one field or one region in the future. As such, you should put your heart and soul into achieving excellent academic results so that you can acquire political knowledge and practical ability as soon as possible.

“Your studying objectives should not remain at any given level, nor should your burning enthusiasm for studying wear off.

“The whole of this campus should always be boiling hot with your zeal for reading and learning.

“Attending this ceremony are more than 170 new students, including those to be included in the two-year special course of Party building for the ninth postgraduate term and in the two-year course of Party building for the 33rd term.

“Since its establishment this school has seen dozens of such opening ceremonies, but the fact that you are the first to enrol in the renovated school is a source of honour for you, which you can record in your autobiography with pride.

“You should add lustre to this pride and honour with your burning enthusiasm for learning and excellent academic achievements.

“Comrades,

“To spend every moment of his life amid a struggle, always thinking of grim days rather than happy ones—this is the attitude of a true member of the Workers’ Party of Korea and a source of

honour for a revolutionary.

“I believe that you will make good on your admirable pledges of today and become strong pillars of the country true to the expectations of the Party and the people.

“The talented revolutionaries of the new era, with their soul, flesh and blood dyed red in this sacred place, will become the main force of our Party, dynamically pushing the wheel of gigantic social transformation.

“Hoping that this significant ceremony will mark a brilliant page in the history of our Party building in the new era, and reaffirming that I will do my best to make this school a source of pride for our Party and people, I will finish my speech here.

“Finally, on behalf of the Party Central Committee, I will confer the flag of the Workers’ Party of Korea on the Central Cadres Training School, with my firm belief that this school will stand in the vanguard of the sacred cause of guaranteeing and realizing the glorious inheritance of our Party.”

Kim Jong Un personally handed the sacred flag of the WPK over to the chancellor of the school amid the enthusiastic cheers of the participants, who were looking up to the great teacher, genius of ideology and theory and great master of revolutionary party building, who indicated the path for the dignified political school of the WPK to follow in fulfilling its important responsibility and role and was leading it to brilliant success and steady leap forward.



All the students made an oath, led by Chancellor Ri Yong Sik, in front of the flag of the WPK.

The opening ceremony ended with the playing of the song *The Internationale*.

All the participants broke into cheers again, looking up to the General Secretary with excitement.

Kim Jong Un warmly acknowledged all the teaching staff and

students who entered the new campus, fully conscious of the noble mission they assumed before the Party, the revolution, the country and the people and of the determination and will to redouble their efforts, hoping that they would achieve remarkable successes in education and studies.

He met members of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, who were to attend the training course, and saw the



students at the first lecture.

Then he went round different parts of the school, including the administration building, library, and dining hall.

He learned in detail about the supply service of the school and stressed the need to provide its teachers, researchers and students with all the conditions so that they could devote themselves to the teaching and studying, and took benevolent measures.

He expressed his belief that all the teaching staff and students of the school would firmly arm themselves with the Party's red-flag idea, always mindful of the trust and expectation of the Party, and prepare themselves to be competent educators and distinguished political activists capable of skilfully applying the revolutionary theories and guiding methods specified in the Party-building programme in the new era to education and Party work.



Kim Jong Un Pays Congratulatory Visit to the DPRK Academy of Defence Sciences on Its 60th Founding Anniversary



Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, visited the Academy of Defence Sciences of the DPRK on May 28, the 60th anniversary of its founding, and congratulated and encouraged the defence scientists.

When Kim Jong Un arrived at the academy, enthusiastic cheers went up.

He received a salute from the president of the Academy of Defence Sciences.

An official and a researcher of the academy presented bouquets reflecting the boundless trust and reverence of all the defence scientists.

He warmly acknowledged the reliable defence scientists significantly commemorating the anniversary of the academy amid the brilliant honour and distinguished feats of upholding the great military and strategic plan of the Party Central Committee with the most thoroughgoing and perfect research successes in the core strategic fortress for building a powerful state and the advance base



for modernizing the Korean People's Army and bolstering up the military capabilities for self-defence.

Kim Jong Un made a significant speech on the occasion of his congratulatory visit to the academy.

In his speech, he expressed his pleasure at his visit to the patriotic talents' mother base, which is leading with science and technology the highly honourable defence industry that has grown stronger by making the revolutionary character of the WPK its own special quality, on its significant 60th anniversary. On behalf of the Party Central Committee and the government of the DPRK, he extended warm congratulations to all the scientists, technicians, workers and officials of the DPRK Academy of Defence Sciences who have contributed with scientific and technological capabilities to bolstering up the might and dignity of the state in every way on the long journey of revolution.

He referred to the pride of the WPK which could win the high prestige and honour of invincibility at every step thanks to the great role of the red defence science talents of the WPK, and to the heroic

contribution of the defence scientists who laid the foundation for the development of the armaments industry and created the noble tradition with their firm patriotic faith. He paid high tribute to the feats of the scientists, technicians and officials in the national defence field who have served as a solid cornerstone of the fighting capability of the Korean People's Army which keeps guaranteeing the ever-victorious history of the DPRK with arms.

Referring to the grave security environment of the state created in the course of the revolution in the defence industry which has made rapid progress by dint of changes and miracles and all the issues urgently arising in boosting the military capabilities, he critically analyzed and evaluated the danger and recklessness of the US imperialists' and their stooges' political and military provocations getting ever more outrageous.

He said that the present situation requires further strengthening the war deterrent in every way and steadily developing the DPRK's armed forces into an entity of super-powerful and absolute strength. He stressed the importance of the role of the sci-tech think tank in the

second revolution in the national defence industry and indicated the militant tasks and ways facing the Academy of Defence Sciences in a new era of struggle presupposing a fresh leap forward in expanding the defence capability.

He expressed his belief that all the scientists and officials of the academy would achieve greater innovative successes in the research and development of ultra-modern military hardware, united more firmly with the intention and will of the Party Central Committee, so as to keep demonstrating the dignity and might of a powerful country and always remain faithful to the sacred responsibility and duty they have assumed on behalf of the revolution and the people.

When he finished the speech, the defence scientists broke into stormy cheers of "Hurrah!" filled with a firm confidence in the Party's invariable will to build defence capability for guaranteeing the eternal dignity and honour of the country and its people and in the subsequent great new changes in bolstering up the self-reliant defence capability and the war preparedness.

He encouraged the defence scientists full of the passion to rapidly

and resolutely attain the cutting-edge goals for increasing the defence capability set forth by the Party Central Committee with their redoubled efforts and inexhaustible resources and wisdom, bearing deep in mind the creed that great defence capability that is steadily developed and improved precisely means the genuine dignity and name of a powerful country, durable peace and rosy future.

He went round the revolutionary museum, and then the exhibition hall of the academy, guided by its leading official.

He had a photo session in commemoration of his congratulatory visit to the academy.

He expressed his expectations that the scientific research camp of the academy would continue to achieve great successes in the vanguard of the sacred struggle for steadily boosting the national defence capability and absolutely guaranteeing the reliable and solid security environment for the comprehensive development of socialism with their more courageous stamina, full confidence and strenuous creative ability peculiar to them, firmly united under the red flag of the WPK.

Power Demonstration Firing of 600mm-calibre Super-large Multiple Rocket Launcher Sub-units Conducted

Kim Jong Un Oversees Power Demonstration Firing



The regime of gangsters and the puppet army of the ROK infringed upon the sovereignty of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in an intolerably hideous act of provocation in which they performed a clumsy counteraction of dangerous show of military power against its exercise of legitimate sovereign right. In this regard, the super-large multiple rocket launcher sub-units of the Korean People's Army conducted a power demonstration firing aimed at them in order to clearly show the DPRK's corresponding will to ensure the sovereignty and security of the state with powerful and overwhelming means of war and to carry out even a preemptive attack by invoking the right to self-defence at any time if the enemies attempt to use military force against the DPRK.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un directly gave an order to organize the power demonstration firing and oversaw it on the spot.

Repeatedly stressing that it is the duty and mission of the armed forces of the DPRK approved by its Constitution to mobilize the military retaliatory forces for safeguarding the sovereignty of the

state and the territorial integrity, he declared that today's power demonstration firing, which is to be conducted under the situation in which the enemy is desperately conducting political and military manoeuvres to plunder the DPRK of its sovereignty, will be an occasion for clearly showing what consequences our rivals will face if they provoke us.

A salvo of the firepower sub-units was to be carried out by operating the integrated firing control system, a part of the national combined nuclear weapons management system.

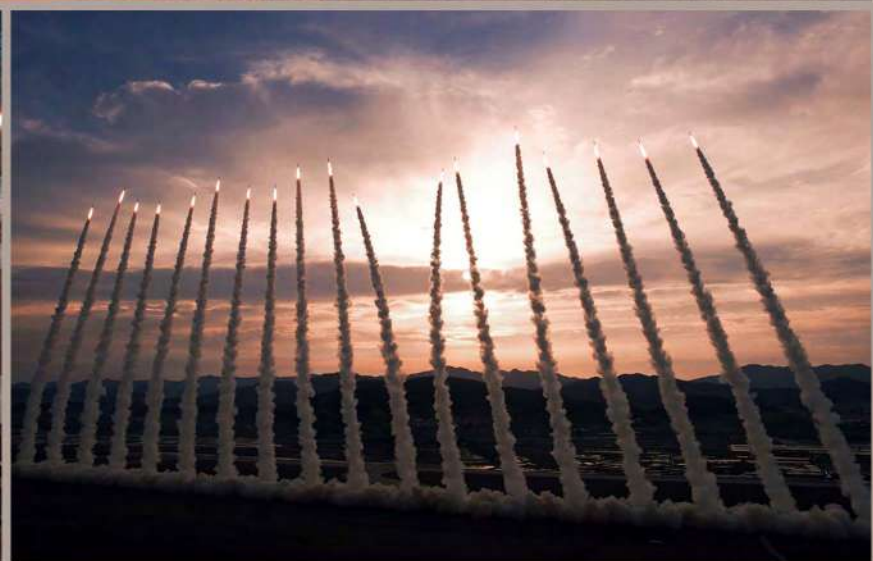
The drill was attended by the 3rd Battalion of the 331st Red Flag Artillery Regiment under the artillery combined unit of the Korean People's Army in charge of the important firing attack task in the western border area.

A secret code order of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea on the firepower mission was given to the firing attack companies of the battalion, and the salvo of the battalion was carried out based on the integrated firing control system.

Kim Jong Un highly appreciated that the world's most powerful war attack means of Korean style, which boast formidable power, are maintaining prompt and thoroughgoing counterattack posture and are fully prepared.

He stressed that the nuclear forces of the DPRK should be more thoroughly prepared to promptly and correctly perform the important mission of deterring a war and taking the initiative in the war at any time and in any emergency.





When Kim Jong Un gave an order to fire at the observation post, General Jang Chang Ha, director general of the Missile Administration of the DPRK, commanded the firing attack.

Just then, as loud explosive sound rending heaven and earth broke out, showers of fire for annihilation boasting marvellous strength clearly demonstrated the DPRK's will to defend its sovereignty and fight against the enemy.

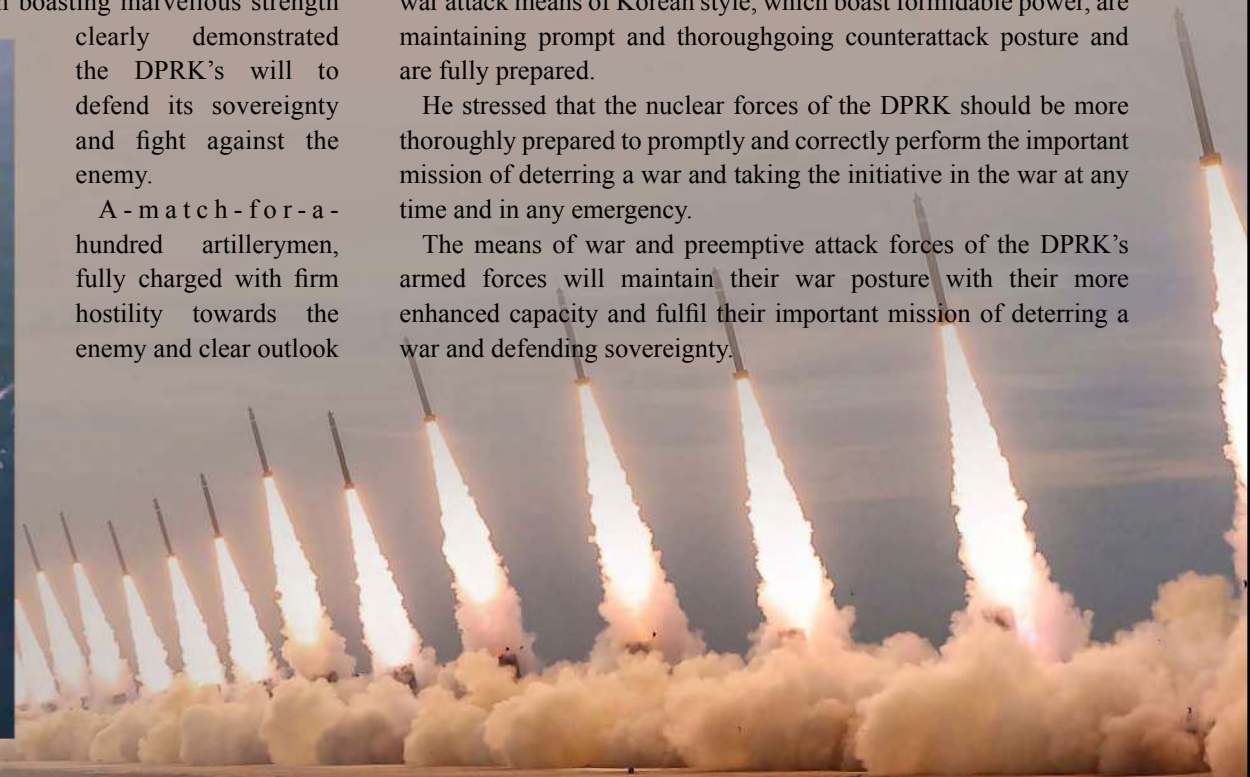
A - m a t c h - f o r - a - hundred artillerymen, fully charged with firm hostility towards the enemy and clear outlook

on the arch-enemy, accurately hit an island target 365 kilometres away and successfully carried out their power demonstration firing task.

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The means of war and preemptive attack forces of the DPRK's armed forces will maintain their war posture with their more enhanced capacity and fulfil their important mission of deterring a war and defending sovereignty.



INVINCIBLE DPRK-RUSSIA FRIENDSHIP SHINING WITH VICTORY AND GLORY

**President of the Russian Federation Arrives in Pyongyang to Pay State Visit to the DPRK
The Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Warmly Receives President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin**



President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin of the Russian Federation paid a state visit to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea at the invitation of Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK.

The visit to the DPRK by Russian President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, which recorded the most brilliant page in the history of the great DPRK-Russia friendship and unity, serves as an important occasion for providing fresh vitality and great motive power to the progress and development of the two countries advancing towards the goal of building powerful states.

Pyongyang International Airport was decked in a festive attire to warmly greet as the highest honoured guest of the state President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin of the Russian Federation who would pay a state visit to the DPRK at the invitation of Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un came to the airport and had an emotional meeting with Comrade Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin.

Kim Jong Un shook hands with Putin and embraced him warmly, expressing his joy and gladness of meeting him again in Pyongyang over 270 days after the meeting at Vostochny Spaceport in September 2023.

Being pleased that his Pyongyang visit was realized, Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin expressed deep thanks to Kim Jong Un for coming to the airport to greet him warmly.

Kim Jong Un took Putin's private car to guide him to his lodging quarters.

Passing through the streets of Pyongyang at night, decorated with bright illuminations, the top leaders exchanged the inmost thoughts

that they had in mind so far and their will to more surely develop the DPRK-Russia relations in conformity with the common desires and intentions of the peoples of the two countries with their meeting as a momentum.

When they arrived at the Kumsusan State Guesthouse, Kim Jong Un personally guided Putin, having a friendly chat with him.



Grand Ceremony Held to Welcome Russian President



A ceremony to welcome the Russian president took place at Kim Il Sung Square on June 19. Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the WPK and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, came to the venue for the ceremony. Amid the playing of welcome music, Kim Jong Un warmly greeted Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin.





Pyongyang, which greeted a goodwill mission of the fraternal Russian people as the highest honoured guests of the state, was filled with a welcoming atmosphere.

A ceremony for welcoming Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, president of the Russian Federation, took place at Kim Il Sung Square on June 19.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, came to the venue for the ceremony.

Kim Jong Un warmly greeted Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin amid the playing of welcome music.

The ceremony of welcoming the Russian president began.

Putin expressed his heartfelt thanks to Kim Jong Un for paying close attention to his Pyongyang visit and lavishing cordial hospitality on him.

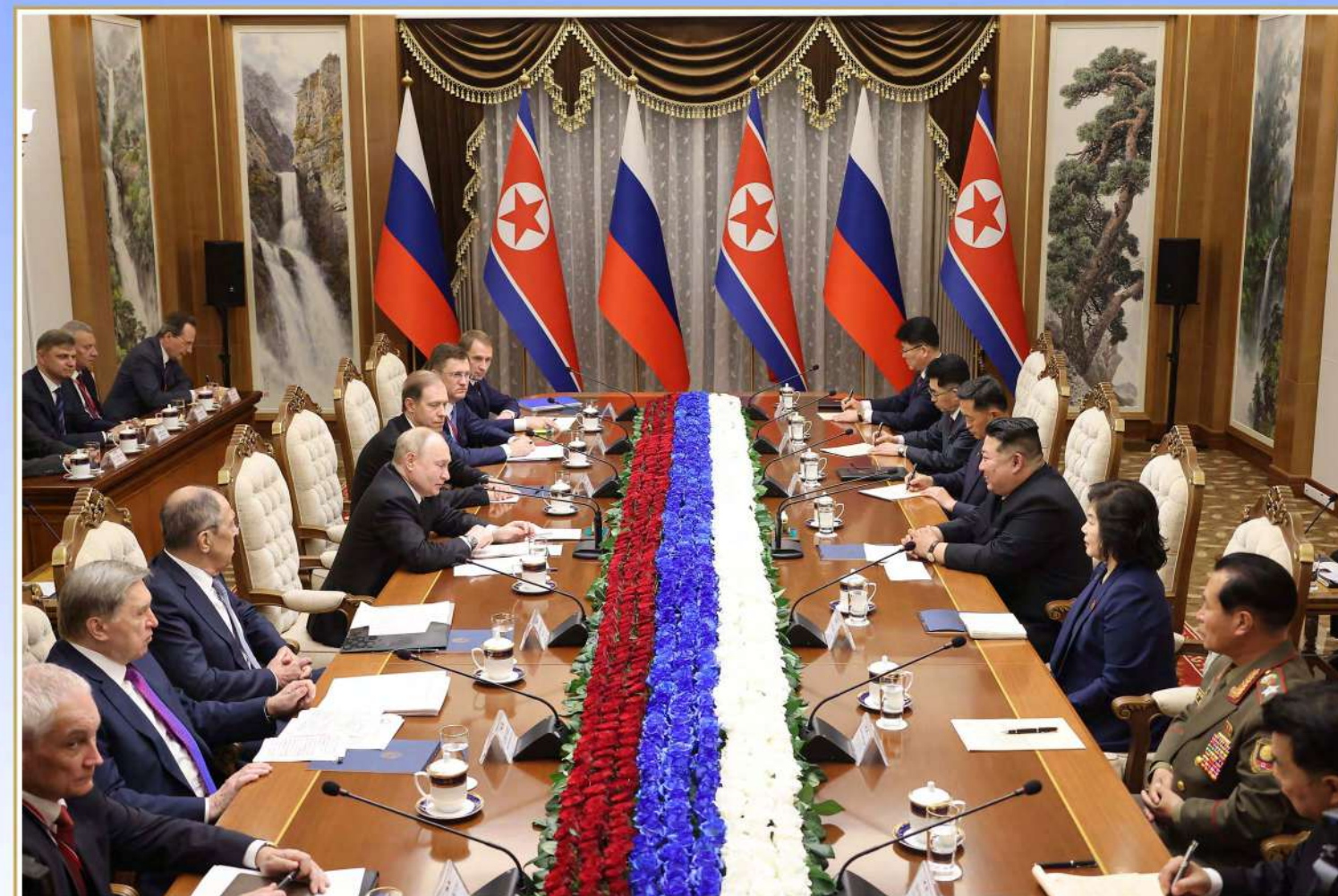
Kim Jong Un and Putin took an open limousine amid a sea of dancers sweeping the square, and warmly acknowledged the cheering crowds.

The ceremony of welcoming Russian President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin on his visit to the DPRK at time-honoured Kim Il Sung Square was recorded as a historic event that clearly demonstrated the friendship, unity and genuine relations of comrades-in-arms between the peoples of the two countries.





Kim Jong Un Has Talks with Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin



The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un had a photo taken with President Putin against the background of the national flags of the two countries at the Kumsusan State Guesthouse, and had talks.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, had talks with Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, president of the Russian Federation, on June 19.

The top leaders of the two countries candidly discussed the long-term plans for steadily expanding the practical action measures for comprehensively implementing the agreements reached at the summit in September 2023 and for promoting mutual trust by further boosting the multi-faceted exchanges and cooperation between the two countries.

At the talks, they had a wide-ranging and in-depth exchange of

views on the crucial changes recently taking place in the world political arena and on the international and regional issues of mutual concern, and reached a consensus. They also discussed the important issues arising in further improving the strategic cooperation and tactical collaboration to promote the well-being of the peoples of the two countries and defend their core interests.

Expressed at the talks was the Russian government's deep apprehension over the negative impact of the irresponsible and unreasonable provocations of the US and its allies seriously threatening the security environment of the Korean peninsula





One-on-one talks between Kim Jong Un and Putin were held.

The top leaders talked about the issue of developing the relations between the two countries into comprehensive strategic partnership and expanding them in an all-round way and reached a perfect consensus on it, and came to a satisfactory agreement on the important issues arising in defending regional and global peace and international justice and on the matters of immediate cooperation.

on the sovereign rights and security interests of the DPRK and regional and global peace and stability. And reconfirmed were the full support and solidarity of the DPRK government and people to the Russian counterparts as regards the special military operations in Ukraine.

The talks were followed by one-on-one talks between Kim Jong Un and Putin.

They discussed important issues for at least two hours.

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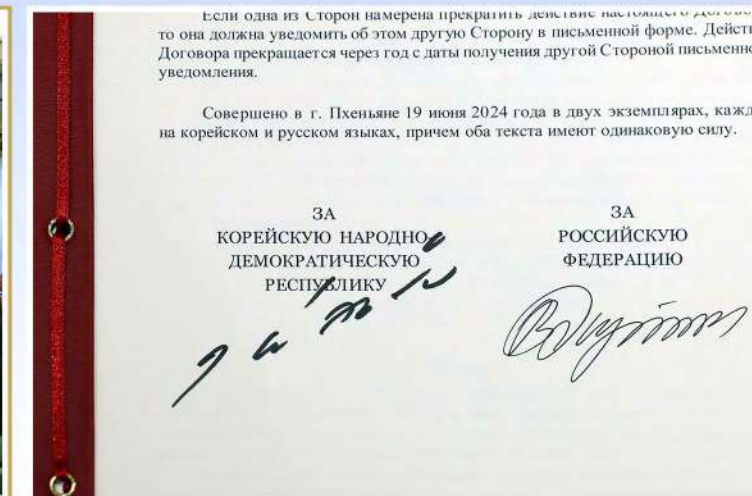
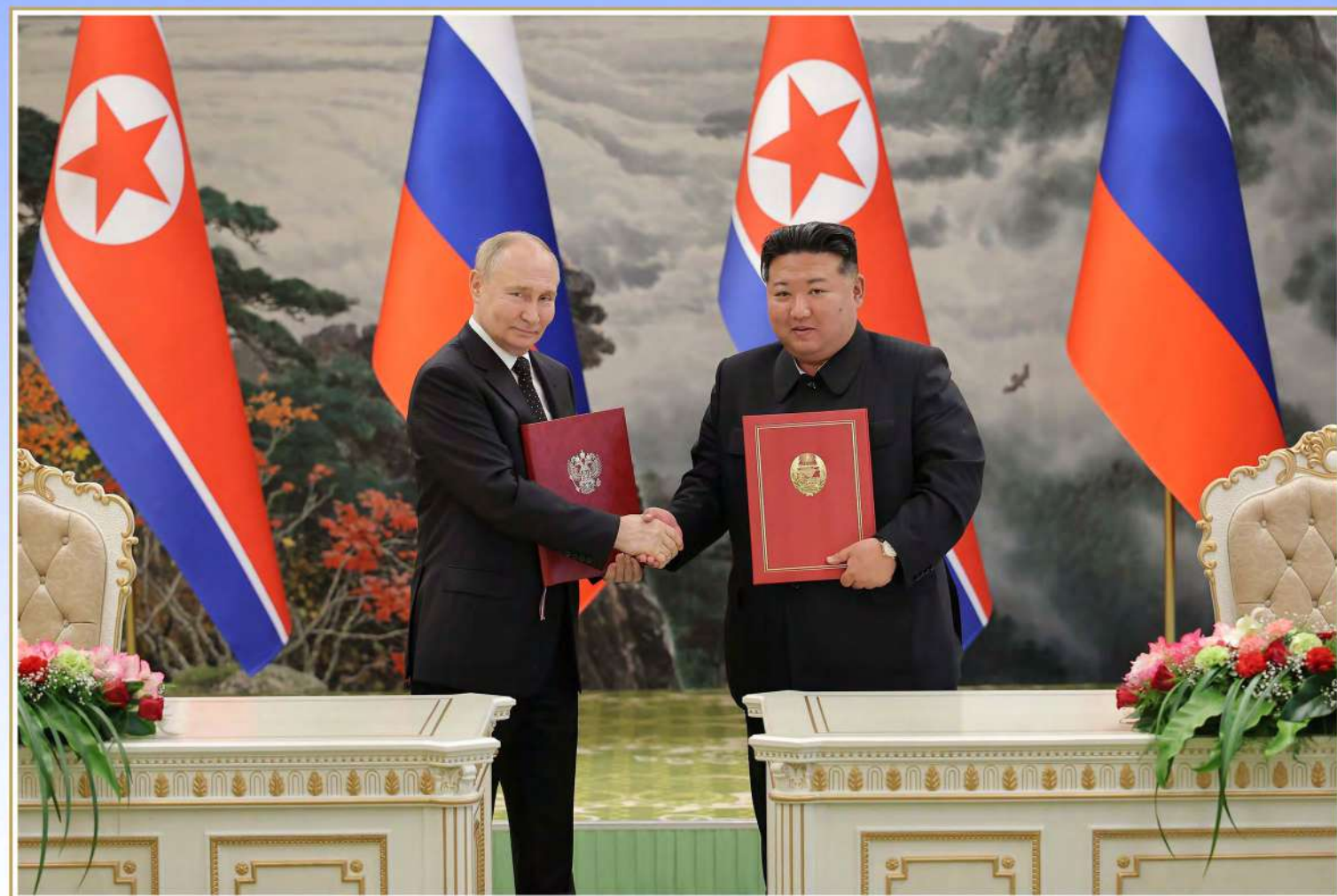


The talks proceeded in a friendly and comradely atmosphere. After the talks, Kim Jong Un presented gifts to Putin in commemoration of his visit to the DPRK.

Putin expressed deep thanks for this and presented Kim Jong Un with gifts reflecting his utmost sincerity.



The Treaty on Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between the DPRK and the Russian Federation Signed Kim Jong Un Signs Treaty with Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin



An inter-state treaty on establishing comprehensive strategic partnership on the principle of equality, respect for sovereignty, good neighbourliness and mutual benefit was signed between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Russian Federation.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, president of the Russian Federation, signed the Treaty on Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Russian Federation on June 19.

When Kim Jong Un and Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin signed the treaty and exchanged documents, the participants clapped their hands

in congratulation of the signing of the treaty.

Kim Jong Un had a photo taken with Putin in commemoration of the conclusion of the historic treaty to be specially recorded in the history of the DPRK-Russia relations.

The two top leaders made a joint statement as regards the conclusion of the treaty.

The top leaders of the DPRK and Russia hoped that the significant treaty-signing ceremony would serve as a strategic choice whose significance would be further highlighted along with the eternal development of the DPRK-Russia relations and as an unforgettable occasion promising bright futures of the peoples of the two countries, strongest and wisest in the world.



Kim Jong Un Develops Rapport with Putin, Spending Time Together in the Garden of the Kumsusan State Guesthouse



Appreciating that they reached a satisfactory consensus on the important issues for realizing the common ideals and goals through the Pyongyang meeting, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un and President Putin expressed their will to continue to vigorously promote good neighbourliness based on excellent history and traditions onto a new higher stage true to the aspirations and desires of the peoples of the two countries.

Kim Jong Un presented a pair of Phungsan, the national dog of the DPRK, to Putin as a gift in the garden of the Kumsusan State Guesthouse.





Order of Kim Il Sung, the Highest Order of the DPRK, Awarded to Russian President



The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un read out the joint decision of the WPK Central Committee, the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK on awarding the order, and personally awarded the order to President Putin.

President Putin Lays Wreath at Liberation Tower



The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un and President Putin paid a silent tribute to the memory of the fallen fighters of the Soviet Army who unhesitatingly dedicated their precious lives to the sacred war for Korea's liberation with a noble sense of mission for the cause of internationalism.



Artistic Performance Given in Honour of Russian President



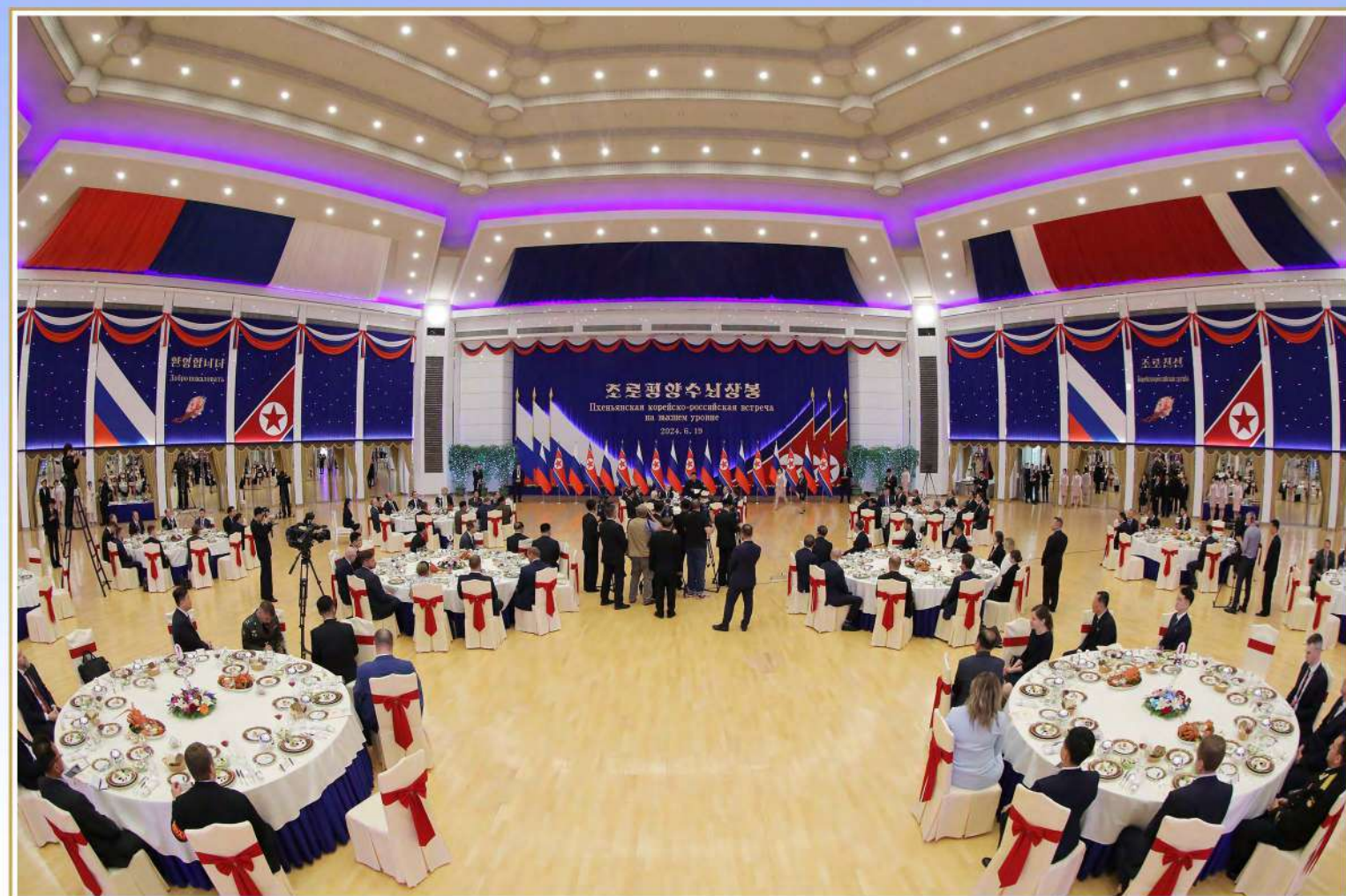
The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un enjoyed the artistic performance with President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin.





Kim Jong Un Hosts Banquet in Welcome of Putin's Visit to the DPRK

Russian President Leaves Pyongyang after Paying Visit to the DPRK Kim Jong Un Warmly Sends off Putin



Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, on the evening of June 19 hosted a banquet in honour of the visiting President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin.

When Kim Jong Un appeared at the banquet hall together with Putin, all the participants welcomed with enthusiastic applause the top leaders of the two countries who are ushering in a new heyday of the DPRK-Russia friendship by dint of their exceptional wisdom and outstanding leadership.

Kim Jong Un made a speech in welcome of Vladimir Putin's visit to the DPRK.

He proposed a toast to the good health of the respected Comrade

Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, to the everlasting prosperity of Russia, which is the DPRK's most friendly neighbour, to the immortality of the invincible DPRK-Russia relations of friendship to be envied by the world, and to the health of all comrades and friends present at the banquet.

Then Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin spoke in reply.

Putin proposed a toast to the further development of friendship and cooperation between the Russian Federation and the DPRK, to the well-being and prosperity of the peoples of the two countries and to the good health of Comrade Kim Jong Un, president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, and the Korean friends present at the banquet.

The banquet proceeded in an amicable atmosphere overflowing with friendly feelings.

Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, president of the Russian Federation, who paid a state visit to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea at the invitation of Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, left Pyongyang by the presidential plane on the night of June 19 after successfully finishing his schedule.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un came to Pyongyang International Airport to send off President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin.

A ceremony took place to see Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin off.

The two top leaders warmly embraced each other and shook hands, promising to steadily develop the friendly and cooperative relations

and militant unity between their countries, which have reached a new strategic level, in conformity with the aspirations and desire of the peoples of the two countries.

The presidential plane of Putin left the airport.

That day Putin visited the Jongbaek Church before leaving Pyongyang.

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National Memorial Service Held on the 30th Anniversary of the Demise of President Kim Il Sung



Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, took the platform of the memorial service.

The opening of the national memorial service was announced.

All the participants paid a silent tribute to the memory of President Kim Il Sung with their profound reverence for him.

The national anthem of the DPRK was played.

Ri Il Hwan, member of the Political Bureau and secretary of the WPK Central Committee, made a memorial address "The sacred revolutionary exploits of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung will be immortal."

The memorial service ended with the playing of the immortal revolutionary hymn *Song of General Kim Il Sung*.

A gun salute was fired in memory of the President.

The great gunfire shook the land of July for a long time, representing the unshakable faith and will of all the people to glorify for all ages the ennobling revolutionary career and immortal revolutionary exploits of the President.

Thirty years have passed since President Kim Il Sung, founder and eternal leader of the dignified Democratic People's Republic of Korea and benevolent father of all the Korean people, passed away.

A national memorial service took place at Kim Il Sung Square on July 8 on the 30th anniversary of the demise of President Kim Il Sung.

The venue of the memorial service was filled with ardent yearning and deep mourning for President Kim Il Sung, the great revolutionary, the great man and the benevolent father, who had dedicated himself to the country and the people, socialism and the sacred cause of global independence for over 70 years since he embarked on the road of revolution, and whose career was run through with the most devoted and sacred struggle rare to be found in the biographies of any other world-renowned great men.

National flags were hoisted at half-mast at the flagstaves of the square.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State



Kim Jong Un Visits the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun on the Greatest National Memorial Day

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun on July 8, a greatest national memorial day.

Accompanying him were Kim Tok Hun, Jo Yong Won, Choe Ryong Hae and Ri Pyong Chol, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, other members of the central leadership body of the Party, deputies to the Supreme People's Assembly, officials of the WPK Central Committee and commanding officers of the armed forces organs.

A basket of flowers in the name of Kim Jong Un was laid before the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il.

Also placed at the statues were flower baskets in the name of the WPK Central Committee, the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK, the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK and the Cabinet of the DPRK.

Kim Jong Un, together with other visitors, paid a high tribute in front of the statues of the great leaders.

At the hall where President Kim Il Sung is preserved in his lifetime appearance, he made a deep bow of best wishes for immortality to the President who paved the path to prosperity for eternally glorifying the dignity and prestige of socialist Korea and consolidated the eternal foundations for the cause of Juche and the building of a thriving nation, following the untrodden path of the arduous revolution with his outstanding ideas, leadership and undying patriotic devotion.

All the participants made a solemn pledge to bring earlier a new victory of the revolution with redoubled efforts and strenuous practice in the vanguard of the sacred struggle for the comprehensive rejuvenation and revolutionary development of their socialist state, remaining faithful to the ideology and leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un with a single mind of pure loyalty and patriotism.



Memorial Concert Given on the 30th Anniversary of the Demise of President Kim Il Sung



A memorial concert was given at the Samjiyon Theatre on July 8, the 30th anniversary of the demise of President Kim Il Sung, as a reflection of the noblest reverence of all the people of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the officers and men of the Korean People's Army for the sacred life and immortal exploits of the great father of the nation-building and the eternal leader of the revolution.

The venue of the concert was filled with the ardent yearning for Kim Il Sung, who is alive in the hearts of the Korean people and progressive mankind as the most prominent leader and peerlessly great sage of the 20th century.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, saw the concert.

Kim Tok Hun, premier of the Cabinet of the DPRK, and Choe

Son Hui, minister of Foreign Affairs, watched the concert.

Among the audience were Kim Yong Nam, Pak Pong Ju and other veteran cadres who had worked in the Party, government and military for a long time, bereaved family members of the anti-Japanese revolutionary martyrs, those related to the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle and their family members, merited persons and citizens of Pyongyang.

The national anthem of the DPRK was played.

The concert started with the chorus and orchestra *Our Leader*. Put on the stage were famous songs of memories, full of the greatest honour and pride of the Korean people in having lived and struggled holding in high esteem as their leader and father the peerlessly great man unprecedented in human history, and hymns dedicated to the immortality of the leader.

The performers sang songs of reverence for Kim Il Sung who had turned the history of national distress, which had been dark with subservience to great powers and national ruin, into the brilliant one of national prosperity under the banner of Juche and opened up a bright prospect of socialist Korea, covering a road full of adversities for the freedom and happiness of the people and independent development of the country and the nation for 70 years since he embarked on the road of the revolution in his teens.

Through the numbers adding to their pride in the great single-hearted unity, eternal dignity and bright future rooted in the era of glory, the audience realized more keenly that the heroic epic course of the President, who set a world example in building a socialist state and opened up a new era of independence with

his rare wisdom, outstanding ideology and theories and original revolutionary practice, is an example of the most genuine life and struggle which will shine forever as long as there are the people and the revolution continues.

The concert, which sang the praise of the immutable principle that the revolutionary ideology and undying feats of the President are the precious treasures guaranteeing the eternal prosperity of the powerful country, reached its climax with the all-people hymn *The Leader Will Always Be with Us*.

All the audience renewed their firm will to make the great history of building a rich country with a powerful army continue as the eternal history of the powerful Kim Il Sung's country, cherishing their sacred name of the descendants of the great Comrade Kim Il Sung.

KIM IL SUNG, ETERNAL LEADER OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE





Kim Il Sung talking with farmers of the Sangphyong Agricultural Cooperative in Kim Chaek County in March Juche 48 (1959)



Acquainting himself with the living conditions of a farmer's family at Hyangha-ri in Janggang County in July Juche 58 (1969)

Thirty years have elapsed since President Kim Il Sung (1912-1994) passed away, but he is still held in high esteem and enjoying boundless admiration and respect as eternal leader of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Kim Il Sung was the great fatherly leader of the people, who, regarding "The people are my God" as his lifelong motto, devoted his all to their happiness.

He said: Taking care of the people is the most important duty devolving on me. You ask me to take rest, but I cannot. Serving the people is not easy, but nothing is happier for me than doing so. I find my life worth living and feel happy, when serving the people.

For him, the people were his beloved sons and daughters, and he visited wherever they lived, even out-of-the-way mountain villages.

When he visited a factory, he went to the canteen of its workers'

hostel before acquainting himself with the production, and at a farm he learned in detail about the living of the farmers, looking into a rice-chest and a cupboard in the kitchen at a farmer's house.

If it was for the betterment of the people's lives, he sat knee to knee with ordinary workers and farmers and had no hesitation in going down the pits or walking along rugged ridgeways between paddy fields. On one of his birthdays he visited an agricultural cooperative

and walked through marshes to choose a site for fish farming.

Indeed, the President made ceaseless on-site guidance trips throughout his life to the factories, enterprises, farms, villages, schools, hospitals, restaurants, shops, army units and posts, as well as families and dormitories, across the country.

Even until the last days of his life, he in his eighties gave field guidance at the farms.



Among workers in April Juche 50 (1961)

On July 5 and 6 in 1994, a few days before he passed away, the President convened a consultative meeting of senior officials in the economic sectors and gave detailed instructions for a long time on important problems arising in the improvement of the people's living standards. And, while learning about the supply of school uniforms for the students, he was satisfied on receiving a report from a senior official in the light industry sector that all the schoolchildren had been provided with new uniforms by late June.

Previously, he took measures to supply clothes, caps, ribbons, hosiery and shoes to the children and students all across the country. Then he visited a middle school in a province to see students in new school uniforms. Saying that it was the first time in his life that he felt so happy and pleased, he spent a long time on taking photos of the schoolchildren.

As he was such a great fatherly leader, the Korean people still hold President Kim Il Sung in reverence.



At the National Meeting of the Vanguards in the Chollima Workteam Movement held in August Juche 49 (1960)



Meeting smelters at the Kangson Steel Plant in September Juche 51 (1962)



Meeting the teaching staff and students of Kim Il Sung University who are seconded to the capital city construction in June Juche 46 (1957)



Talking to pelagic fishermen at the Sinpho Fishing Station in April Juche 60 (1971)



With children in June Juche 76 (1987)



Talking with the Heroes of the DPRK and exemplary combatants in June Juche 40 (1951)

Seventy-one years ago the Korean people won a great victory in the three-year-long Fatherland Liberation War (1950-1953) to repulse the US-led imperialist invaders.

The miraculous victory in the war that can be called the confrontation between a rifle and an atomic bomb was the brilliant fruition of the wise leadership of President Kim Il Sung (1912-1994).

He clipped the feathers of the US imperialists with his outstanding military wisdom, extraordinary strategies and unique military tactics, and thus brought about the beginning of their decline.

His genuine sincerity and affection was an important motive force that inspired the people and soldiers to emerge victorious in the war.

With ardent love for and trust in them, Kim Il Sung ventured as far as to the front-line areas to imbue the soldiers with unparalleled courage and took measures to send quilted clothes to those fighting behind the enemy lines. He also saw to it that rice and soup were served warm for the combatants on heights, bean sprouts were grown for their meals, and mails were delivered in time to them, who were eager to hear from their relatives back home.

He had frontline holiday camps set up for service personnel despite the difficulty of wartime conditions and the universal free medical care system enforced for the people.

Greatly inspired by his loving care and trust, the soldiers displayed unparalleled bravery and mass heroism in every battle.

A great many sacrificed themselves for their one and only country—blocking the enemy’s gun muzzles with their own chests, rolling down into the midst of enemy soldiers with a grenade between teeth after both hands got seriously injured, crawling under enemy tank with a bundle of grenades in both hands, etc.

The war produced more than 610 holders of the title of Hero of the DPRK. Nearly 80 of them, including a twice hero, were in their teens.



Brilliant Commander and Heroes in Their Teens





Kim Ki U
(1933-2024),
twice Hero
of the DPRK

Kim Ki U shot down 11 enemy planes with a machine gun in a short period as a member of an aircraft-hunting team, a unique tactic created by Kim Il Sung. At that time he was 18 years old.



Ri Su Bok
(1933-1951),
Hero of the
DPRK

Ri Su Bok distinguished himself in the battle on a nameless hill on the left of Height 1211 by blocking the enemy's gun muzzle with his chest. He wrote a poem *For My Only Motherland*, which has been widely recited by the Korean people.



Ri Chang Hae
(1931-1950),
Hero of the
DPRK

In the battle to seize Taejon, Ri Chang Hae destroyed a tank, two armoured vehicles, a dozen or so trucks and 40-odd guns, and killed more than 50 enemy soldiers a day.



Ro Thae Jin
(1932-1951),
Hero of the
DPRK

Ro Thae Jin, a chief mortar man, fought unyieldingly in the battle to defend Height 1211, though the mount of his mortar was destroyed and he was fatally wounded, and thus contributed to frustrating the enemy's "summer and autumn offensives."



Pak Won Jin
(1934-1952),
Hero of the
DPRK

Pak Won Jin made a breakthrough for the advance of his unit by blocking the enemy's gun muzzle with his chest in the battle to attack Height 854.1.



Jo Pyong Gi
(1933-1952),
Hero of the
DPRK

Jo Pyong Gi was an excellent sniper who killed 152 enemy soldiers in 40-odd days on the front, in intermediate zones, and behind the enemy lines.



Yu Ki Hong
(1934-1951),
Hero of the
DPRK

Yu Ki Hong shot down five enemy planes, including a bomber which would attack residential districts.



Choe Chang Hak
(1935-1953),
Hero of the
DPRK

Choe Chang Hak fell in the battle to attack Height 339 by blocking the enemy's gun muzzle with his chest, just a few days before the day of victory in the war.



Bumper Crop of Wheat and Barley



This is a bumper year for wheat and barley, and the countryside is bustling with harvesting and threshing.

*Photo: Choe Won Chol
Text: Han Su Yong*



6-Axle UAV for Agrochemical Spraying (Jongdari-101)



- Dimensions (mm):
 Unfolded: 2 480×2 252×571
 Folded: 1 033×996×571
- Batteries: DC22.2V/22 000mAh-2 sets
- Working capacity (ha/min): 1/12
- Spraying width (m): 3-5
- Spraying amount (L/min): 2.5
- Working flight speed (km/h): 7.2-21.6
- Working flight altitude (m): 2-10
- Flight time (min): 12 (full load), 25 (no load)
- Remote-controlled distance (km): below 1
- Weight (kg): 40 (with 15kg of agrochemicals)

The unmanned aerial vehicle can operate irrespective of topography, taking the place of 35 persons a day.



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